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45. (Amended) The method of claim 44 wherein the spin trapping compound is selected from the group consisting of phenyl N-tert-butyl nitrone (PBN), and derivatives of phenyl N-tert-butyl nitrone.

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49. (Amended) The method of claim 45 [any one of claims 28, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 or 41] wherein said spin trapping compound is a derivative of PBN selected from the group consisting of hydroxy PBNs, PBN esters, alkoxy PBNs, acetamide PBNs and diphenyl PBNs.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims respectfully are requested. For the reasons indicated in detail below, these claims are believed to define patentable subject matter.

By this amendment, claim 44 is amended to correct an inadvertent error in claim dependency. Claims 45 and 49 are amended in response to the rejection of claim 49 under 35 USC 112. It is believed that this amendment will overcome the rejection and the rejection should now be withdrawn. During the interview of March 14, 2000 between the undersigned attorney for applicant and the Examiner, it was indicated by the Examiner that such an amendment would probably be deemed to satisfactorily address the rejection under 35 USC 112.

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